



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Authorize Issuance of Request for Qualifications for Design of Downtown Park-and-Ride Structure at Old Railroad Depot Site

MEETING DATE: January 20, 1999

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design of a Downtown park-and-ride structure on Sacramento Street at the old railroad depot site.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The land the City of Lodi purchased from Union Pacific Railroad is intended to be used as a parking lot for buses and Downtown employees/shoppers. However, with the pending Amtrak service between Stockton and Sacramento, and the future potential for Altamont Commuter Express service, more parking in the vicinity of the multimodal station will be required. To accommodate more parking at the site, bound by Sacramento Street, the railroad tracks, Elm and Pine streets, staff has submitted a Letter of Intent to the Federal Highway Administration for the Transportation and Community and Systems Preservation Pilot Program. Staff has requested \$3.2 million under this program. Because Amtrak, ACE, SMART, and other transit providers will be taking advantage of the parking structure, it is a Federal Transit Administration-eligible project. Currently, staff would like to pursue \$3.2 million, or 80% of the estimated projected cost, from federal sources. The remaining 20% of the funds for this project is still yet unidentified. Staff is recommending constructing a three- to four-story parking structure which would include ground-floor retail space in accordance with the Downtown concept plan. Rental revenue could serve as a source to secure the remaining 20% funding.

By authorizing staff to proceed with an RFQ, the City Council sends a message to Caltrans, Lodi's administrator of federal funds, that we are ready to proceed with this project and thereby enhances the likelihood of securing the \$3.2 million that has been requested.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

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